Hume, James Gibson [Professor of the history of philosophy] March 1915? March 1918

(27)

Hume, James Gibson
Professor of the history of philosophy
March 1915? March 1918

506

526

508

Library Committee

Copy of letter sent to Librarian re books etc in Departmental library of Psychology.

Department of Philosophy

March 4-15.

Mr. H.H.Langton. M.A.

Librarian.

Dear Sir,

I have received your notification that I must pay for Darwin's Expression of the Emotions, missing from the Psychological Departmental Library, and turning up after a new copy had been purchased.

I should like to have this matter taken up by your library committee. As I understand it I am held personally responsible for all books either temporarily or permanently lost in the study room, and in the departmental library of the psychological Laboratory. There is no fee that I am permitted to impose to cover my expenditure.

I would like to call the attention of your committee to the fact that the books and pamphlets in the psychological study room were originally bought and paid for out of the grant made to the Department of Psychology, or were gifts or loans from the staff in Philosophy and Psychology, and only a very small number have been borrowed from the main Library.

Would there be any objection to our obtaining a certain % of the grant made to the Psychological Department for

apparatus etc.to be used for getting new books or to replace lost ones ?

I should also like to know what difficulty has arisen this year to prevent our having the current journals and periodicals of our Department (as heretofore) placed in our Psychological Seminar Room where they are most accessible.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the President and trust you will take up the matter in your committee.

I remain

yours truly.

J. Gibson Hunter

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

508

Feb. 7th 1917.

President R. A. Falconer

Dear Sir:-

In addition to the several matters so well stated in the report of your reply to Mayor Church you might mention the very fine work undertaken on behalf of returned soldiers in re-education in which quite a number of University men are co-operating with Mr. Bott. It is very interesting work and much ingenious apparatus has been devised.

In connection with the enquiry regarding "national service" work for Professors and instructors enquiry might reveal that already a good deal has been done. I can speak for myself that during the Summer of '15 and '16 I spent the whole time, either in writing articles for the papers on the War or giving addresses at recruiting or patriotic meetings and in July and August also assisting in haying and harvesting and I had made arrangements to continue similar work this summer.

In assisting farmers I think we should not forget that some farmers have kept their sons from recruiting claiming that they were needed at home - others have allowed their sons to go to the front and are trying to manage in some way without the help of their sons. I think the latter class of farmers should receive a decided preference in any attempt to "increase agricultural productions."

I cannot understand why this year, there was no announcement of lectures and addresses on the War that members of the staff would be willing to give. I have made many engagements to give addresses directly. In no case have I received any assistance from the committee on University Extension. I think if an enquiry were made, it would be found that very many addresses have been given by the members of the staff in spite of the fact that no announcement was made

I am Yours Very Sincerely

J. Gibson Hume

506

February 10th, 1917

Professor J. G. Rune,

University of Toronto.

Dear Professor Rune:

Many thanks for your letter. I am mentioning the work that is teing done under Mr. Pott's supervision.

The other matters that you refer to with regard to the war activities of the staff I will take with our Committee when it meets next week. I am sorry that owing to the other work that Dr. Abbott has been doing it has been impossible this winter to have a regular course of extension lectures carried on, but I am glad to know that a number of the members of the staff have been doing excellent work of this account on thier own behalf.

Yours sincerely,

President.

485

March 20th, 1918

Professor Hume,

University of Toronto.

Dear Professor Hume:

I am returning to you Dr. Armstrong's letter. I am afraid that it would be impossible for the University to undertake such a large piece of work as would be involved in the publication of his book. However, in order that you may get a definite opinion on the matter I would advise you to submit it through Mr. Langton to the University Studies Committee.

Yours sincerely,

President.